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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
7	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies funding for various regional Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) projects in Santa Barbara County. See enclosure.

I recommend that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this FTIP Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are for information only.

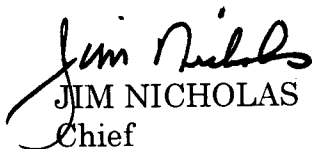
The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are not listed in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SBCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- William Derrick - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Jim Kemp - Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans